

## ARE CONCERNING IT

Neff's Defeat Is No Longer Concealed by Managers.

POTT AND GREER COUNTIES

Only Ones He Has Any Chance of Carrying.

Oklahoma City, O. T., Oct. 13.—"It is a landslide for Flynn. We have heard from the homeholders and know, from Pawnee to Greer. Neff has a show in only two counties, Pottawatomie and Greer, and he may lose those. Washita county and Custer county, which were counted for Neff because of heavy immigration, are for Flynn. We will carry them. In Kingfisher, Blaine, Lincoln and Garfield counties the Populists are not standing by Neff, their candidate. The polls show that they are for Flynn, more than our Democrats are. These are facts. It is nonsense to say that Flynn has the territory by 5,000 or 10,000 or 12,000, for it can reach 20,000 as easily and probably will. All we hope to do is to keep on fighting a tidal wave which grows great of itself. Our only tactics now is to whop and howl that Bryan is going to carry the nation; that the Republicans in the states concede his election and try to re-awaken party spirit in the people of Oklahoma. And we will try that without hope."

The above statement comes from mighty Neff, territorial manager, who has been fighting Flynn since he believed that a fight could have been put up against Flynn which would have defeated him. He continued in a conversation in this city last evening.

"Neff's campaign has lacked coherence, when coherence is the only thing which could have won. His one and only one at the beginning was to seize upon one strong dominant idea, and make that idea appeal to the national political mind of both Democrats and Populists of Oklahoma, and stay by it night and day, morning, noon and evening time. What has he done? He has sprawled around over everything and succeeded in winning no one. Neff hasn't the brain to see his mistake. Flynn has but one vital issue so far as he is concerned—that of free homes. The minute he got Neff to making a campaign with the free home issue, Neff was doomed. Neff's only card was to put up his own issue and made his campaign on it, passing the free home question over pleasantly, saying that it was not an issue, longer, that Flynn was responsible for free homes and that he, Neff, in common with all homeholders, was grateful to Flynn, but that greater issues were pressing."

"Neff didn't do this. He organ, the Newkirk Herald, ripped out the first thing making fun of 'the gratitude' of the homeholder and denying that it existed. What effect did that have? Let a young man do his sweetheart a favor and then let his rival go to the sweetheart and tell her that she ought not to be grateful; that she has nothing to be grateful for and see what will happen. Let the rival add a lot of senseless abuse and see what that sweetheart will do."

"To start with Flynn was an almighty hard man to beat. The people were prepared to hand him the election, but when I went into this campaign for Neff I did not expect Neff to furnish the silver platter for the people to offer the election to Flynn on. Abuse was not the weapon to fight Dennis Flynn. Watch the vote in Logan county and see what Leslie Kiback's abusive course toward Flynn will do to Neff. Neff's nomination was a mistake. What the Oklahoma City convention really did was to pay Flynn the compliment and do him the favor of nominating a weak man against him. When he goes down to Washington with 20,000 majority, he will be considered one of the biggest figures in the west, and will have more power than if he had not nominated anybody against him, and elected him unanimously."

"I might talk differently and throw myself into a trance and go into a lot of business boasting about Neff's chances. They do not exist. Neff's management is disheartened and without hope. They can do nothing with a blunder towards handling a delicate situation and they realize it."

NOBODY BUT FLYNN RUNNING

For All Anybody Can See in Southern Woods County

Cleas, O. T., Oct. 13.—Hon. A. R. Mueseler, of Perry, one of the Republicans, called the Republican campaign here Wednesday night for the south part of Woods county. Owing to a misunderstanding as to dates, he having been billed for August 21 at 2 o'clock and here at the same hour instead of 7:30 p. m., the crowd was not so large as it might have been otherwise. Notwithstanding the error the high school room of the city school building was filled, many farmers having driven from town and fifteen miles to hear the speaker. They were not disappointed, but were entertained for three hours with a logical statement of the political issues of such moment to the people, presented in a convincing manner, pointed with forcible illustrations and best of all, clinched by the record.

As an indication of the Flynn feeling in one small neighborhood, an incident that occurred within a few days is a very large straw. Postmaster Murray received a box of 300 Flynn buttons Monday night and the next morning at 9 o'clock they were all gone and another box ordered. Everybody that can get a Flynn button is wearing one. Populists and Democrats as well as Republicans. A stranger here would not know that anyone else but Flynn was running. Indeed it is to be doubted if any Populist knows that there is a man named Neff. The writer heard a Populist a few days ago ask in all seriousness who was running against Flynn.

From present indications Flynn's progress through Woods county will be a triumph. He is billed for Wildwood Tuesday, 30th, at 1:30; Walhall 5 p. m.; Shokley's Grove October 17, 1:30 p. m.; Keweenaw 11th, 5 p. m.; Afton 11th, 1:30 p. m.; Byron 5 p. m. As he passes Cleas from Walhall he will address the people that may be assembled here.

It will be at Shokley's Grove that the greatest ovation will be tendered him. He will there be presented with a silk United States flag that cost \$200 and was purchased by Woods county homeholders, no one being allowed to contribute more than 10 cents to the fund. It is noticeable in this connection that the money was contributed by members of all po-

## IT'S A GREAT SHAME

Someone in Oklahoma Has Been Knocking

ON THE KIOWA COUNTRY

Says That Garden Spot Is Sterile and Drouthy.

El Reno, O. T., Oct. 13.—Great indignation is felt here over an article written for the Rural World, one of the leading agricultural papers of the United States, by a correspondent who depreciates the value of the Kiowa and Comanche country for farming purposes and advises people to stay away. The article is not considered as inspired by malice so much as by ignorance of the fact that a western area may have equal fertility and resources with the most favored eastern section and yet to one new to the country may in its raw state present a rather uninviting appearance. This writer, who claims to have lived in Oklahoma for some time yet shows that he doesn't know what he is talking about, in the following language:

"I had an opportunity to see some of the Comanche country last week and I took a good look at it. It is a high, rolling prairie country, treeless and streamless. The quality of the land is not very good, though it will produce wheat, oats and cotton reasonably well when it is reasonable. It will make fair corn when the season is favorable, but it is not a corn country. This country will be opened for settlement within the next twelve months. I have seen some very misleading statements in the papers concerning the fertility of the soil. There is very little rich land in the Comanche country. I think I am capable of judging, as I am farming and have been for quite a while, only four miles east of the line."

"No doubt many small farmers are looking forward to the opening of this country for a home. Just let me tell you something. If you have any kind of a home where you are, don't let it go for a prospective home in this drouthy country. If you can get good houses and good land to rent it will be better, in my judgment, than most homes that can be secured in the Comanche country. I am glad to be able to give this information to fellow farmers. Some men of very moderate means make a break for the opening of these western lands and lose everything by not being able to build and improve their quarter section. I have no motive for writing this other than to serve the small farmer who might come here with his all and lose it."

NOTHING BUT GABRIEL'S HORN

Will Ever Settle That Marcus Wolferton Case, Apparently.

Guthrie, O. T., Oct. 13.—The Ardmore case, Dr. A. J. Wolferton, Lee Cruce and R. W. Dick returned this morning from Oklahoma City, where they went to attend the meeting of the present committee on the territorial contest. Four members of the committee were to select a fifth member to fill the committee as provided by the national committee. This committee of five was to arrange for a settlement of the contest on terms that would be acceptable to both sides. But they didn't get this far, as a hitch occurred in their efforts to select a fifth member. They were in session most of the day and every effort to select a fifth man was met by the irreconcilable difference of two to two, and no choice was possible. It is the general belief now that no agreement will ever be reached and that the fight will have to be made again before the people for the selection of delegates to another convention. However, J. B. Thompson, of Tulsa, one of the two Marcum members of the committee, is to meet Lee Cruce here in a few days and arrange for the time and place of another meeting of this committee.

"ABRAHAM LINCOLN" TICKET

In Kingfisher County Is Repudiated by an Innocent Nominee.

Guthrie, O. T., Oct. 13.—A nominee on the so-called Abraham Lincoln ticket in Kingfisher county declines the honor in the following card to the public:

Kingfisher, O. T., Oct. 13, 1900. Find my name appearing on the ticket known as the Abraham Lincoln ticket for the position of county weigher. I wish to inform the public that I was not present at the convention which nominated this ticket, did not authorize them to use my name, and am not in sympathy with this movement of the colored people. I am a Republican and will not lend my name to any movement which I believe is only intended to defeat the Republican party and thereby elect the Demo-Pop ticket to office. I expect to support the entire Republican ticket, and will wear all my friends to steer clear of this ticket. I do not authorize them to start by our own so-called leaders, for no other purpose than to elect the Democrats to office. Respectfully,

S. B. KIRK.

LET THE PEOPLE HEAR ANYHOW

Kiel Press Advertiser's Silver Meeting in Its City Columns.

Guthrie, O. T., Oct. 13.—The Kiel Press is not afraid of anything the Bryan crowd can put up. It says editorially: "In an editorial we will feature an announcement of a silver rally. While this rally is against our political views, we believe that the people should turn out and hear the political issues discussed by all parties. While the large tent is here the local Republican leaders will be able to answer every argument brought out by our opponents, and further, to give due ample arguments in support of the Republican party, and every candidate on the ticket. Look out for announcements of Republican rally later. Come everybody and hear both sides without prejudice and you will be sure to vote right, and the Republican ticket will triumph."

HAS \$50,000 TO THROW AWAY

A. E. Evans of Rush Springs, I. T., Says That "Pop" Bryan.

Guthrie, O. T., Oct. 13.—The largest wager ever made in the Indian territory was made by two of the most prominent stockmen of Rush Springs, I. T., upon the result of the presidential election. A. E. Evans, of Rush Springs, I. T., and W. J. Evans, of Rush Springs, I. T., have bet \$50,000 that "Pop" Bryan will be elected president of the United States. As soon as the matter was arranged both gentlemen left immediately for Chickasha, where the mon-

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Guthrie Liquor Dealers Begin Proceedings

AGAINST LEAGUE MEMBERS

Alleging Defamation and Asking \$1,000 for It.

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